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**SECRETARY FLANAGAN APPOINTS SEARCH COMMITTEE
FOR NEW PORT DIRECTOR**

HANOVER, MD – Transportation Secretary Robert L. Flanagan today announced the appointment of 11 distinguished members of the Baltimore port community to serve on a search committee for a new Executive Director at the Port of Baltimore. The search follows the announcement by James J. White that he intends to leave that position after six years.

Former United States Congresswoman Helen Delich Bentley will chair the committee. Other members include:

- Andrew Abbott, President and Chief Operating Officer of Atlantic Container Line
- Horace T. Alston, Vice President of the National Longshoreman's Association
- Morgan C. "Trip" Bailey, President of Baltimore Forest Products Terminal
- Anne Ferro, President of the Maryland Motor Truck Association
- John G. Gary, member of the Maryland Port Commission and former Anne Arundel County Executive
- Richard P. Hughes, General Vice President of the Atlantic Coast District for the International Longshoremen's Association
- Gary Jones, Senior Vice President for Operations, Wallenius Wilhelmsen
- Michael Martino, member of the Maryland Port Commission
- Tom Matte, Senior Vice President for Customer Relations and Government Affairs at ATC Logistics of Maryland
- George F. (Bud) Nixon, president of the Private Sector Port Coalition and president of Rukert Terminals
- JoAnne Zawitoski, Principal Counsel, Semmes Bowen & Semmes

"The Port of Baltimore has no greater advocate than Helen Bentley," said Secretary Flanagan. "Her contacts and experience in the maritime industry, and those of the other distinguished members of this search committee, will prove invaluable in identifying strong candidates that will be able to take the Port of Baltimore to the next level."

Secretary Flanagan has asked the committee to submit a short list of potential candidates for consideration no later than April 15, 2005.

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“It is important for the Port and the port community that we move expeditiously to canvas the maritime industry for qualified leaders,” said Ms. Bentley. “The Port of Baltimore is strong and has tremendous potential. Those qualities will attract excellent talent, and the committee will be aggressive in identifying the strongest candidates.”

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